GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF RAVI RIVER WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Indo-Pak agreement of 1960 the water of Ravi river was to be utilized by India;

(b) if so, whether Ravi river is still flowing towards Pakistan; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof alongwith corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The Indus Waters Treaty 1960 between India and Pakistan provides that all the waters of the Eastern Rivers i.e. The Ravi, The Beas and The Sutlej, shall be available for the unrestricted use of India, except as otherwise expressly provided. The Treaty further states that except for Domestic Use and Non-Consumptive Use, Pakistan shall be under an obligation to let flow, and shall not permit interference with, the waters of the Sutlej Main and the Ravi Main in the reaches where these rivers flow in Pakistan and have not yet finally crossed into Pakistan.

(b) There has been negligible flow during the last few years.

(c) Government of Punjab has been requested to undertake the maintenance and upgradation of Headworks and to expedite Shahpukandi Dam for better utilisation of Ravi waters. Concerned State Governments have also been requested to implement suitable schemes on tributaries/nallahs of river Ravi.